

REMARKS

This Response is offered in reply to the office action of February 2, 2006.

The specification has been amended at page 1 as requested by the examiner in paragraph 1 of the office action.

Favorable consideration is requested.

The Abstract has been amended at page 37 as requested by the examiner in paragraph 2 of the office action.

Favorable consideration is requested.

The examiner objects to claim 24 in paragraph 3 of the office action. Applicants have amended claim 24 in a manner believed to overcome the objection.

Favorable consideration is requested.

In paragraph 4 of the office action, claim 24 (Applicants believe this should be claim 26) is rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph as indefinite with respect to the terminology "thickness".

Applicants have amended claim 26 in a manner believed to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

Favorable consideration is requested.

In paragraph 6 of the office action, claims 24, 26, and 27 are rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1, 9, 12, 21, and 22 of US Patent 6,769,696.

Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer and fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) believed to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Favorable consideration is requested.

In paragraph 7 of the office action, the examiner indicates that claims 24, 26, and 27 would be allowable after a terminal disclaimer is timely filed.

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Since Applicants are filing the terminal disclaimer herewith, claims 24, 26, and 27 now are believed to be in allowable condition.

Allowance of pending claims 24, 26, and 27 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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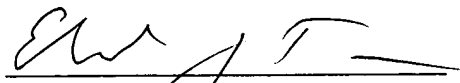
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